



WCB Proposition 68 Guidelines



Wildlife Conservation Board

Proposition 68 Draft Program

Guidelines overview



- ▶ Redding, October 1
- ▶ Los Alamitos, October 3
- ▶ Sacramento, October 5





The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Access for All Act of 2018



Up to \$275,000,000 allocated to WCB within the Sections below:

- ▶ Chapter 7:
 - Lower American River Conservancy Program
- ▶ Chapter 8:
 - Regional Conservation Investment Strategies, Natural Community Conservation Plans, UC Natural Reserve System, WCB Programs
- ▶ Chapter 10:
 - Climate Adaptation and Habitat Resiliency Projects



Wildlife Conservation Board Background:



Created by statute in 1947 to conserve California's wildlife resources and provide for suitable public recreation.

Guidelines are based on:

- ▶ Public Resources Code (PRC) section 80000 *et seq.* – California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68)
- ▶ Fish and Game Code (FGC) section 1300 *et seq.*, WCB acquires property and awards grants for fish& wildlife habitat conservation, restoration and for compatible public access facilities



Wildlife Conservation Board Strategic Plan



Projects must provide at least one of the following benefits:

- ▶ Protected or enhanced biodiversity
- ▶ Climate change resiliency and connectivity
- ▶ Support of the State Wildlife Action Plan priority habitats
- ▶ Conserved or enhanced working landscapes
- ▶ Conserved or enhanced water-related projects
- ▶ Enhanced public access



Wildlife Conservation Board Disadvantaged Communities



At least 20 percent of the Proposition 68 funds shall be allocated for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities and up to 5 percent of a grant may be used for community access. To identify an important community need, WCB recommends that applicants directly engage local residents and community-based groups.



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Chapter 7: Lower American River Conservancy Program

- ▶ The WCB administers the Lower American River Conservancy (LARC) Program, as established by legislation in 2016 (PRC section 5845 *et seq.*).



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Chapter 8:

- ▶ Development of Regional Conservation Investment Strategies
- ▶ Implementation of Conservation Plans
- ▶ Support for the University of California Natural Reserve System



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Chapter 8 continued:

Projects within Established WCB Programs, including:

- ▶ Acquisitions
- ▶ Agricultural Lands
- ▶ Climate Adaptation
- ▶ Forest Conservation
- ▶ Habitat Enhancement
- ▶ Oak Woodlands
- ▶ Public Access
- ▶ Rangeland
- ▶ Riparian
- ▶ Wetlands



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Chapter 10:

- ▶ Competitive grants that plan, develop, and implement climate adaptation and resiliency projects:



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Chapter 10 projects:

- ▶ Threatened and endangered species, climate adaptation, trail linkages, wildlife rehabilitation facilities, invasive species, water for fish and wildlife, aquatic and riparian habitats, and wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities.
- ▶ Wildlife corridors - acquisition, restoration, and expansion
- ▶ Pacific Flyway habitat
- ▶ Wildlife or fish passage
- ▶ Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountains watersheds

Wildlife Conservation Board Eligible Grant Applicants

- ▶ Nonprofit organizations
- ▶ Local governmental agencies
- ▶ Federal agencies
- ▶ State agencies

Wildlife Conservation Board How to Apply

Chapter 8: Applications accepted on a rolling basis for WCB established programs:

- ▶ Refer to the WCB website for individual programs and contact information
- ▶ Submit concept papers for initial review

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Chapter 10: Proposal Solicitations:

- ▶ Solicitations to be announced in early 2019
- ▶ Refer to website for information and email list
- ▶ Specific criteria outlined in each solicitation



Wildlife Conservation Board Guidelines: Comments



Comments due on COB 10/25/18

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Please see WCB website for more information:

www.wcb.ca.gov



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